

## **Bovine Hides**

**APHIS' information is that hides may be exported to Korea with a VS Form 16-4 with the below statements. No other certification statements may be included on the VS 16-4 for the export of bovine hides to Korea.**

**Exporters MUST be advised that Veterinary Services cannot be sure that this certificate will be accepted, and that they should have their importers confirm prior to shipment that the language is acceptable.**

**These shipments will be subject to quarantine in Korea (usually takes less than a day- but may take up to two weeks).**

### **Certificate language for hides and similar commodities:**

*The United States has been free of foot-and-mouth disease and swine vesicular disease for 2 years; rinderpest, peste des petitis ruminants, contagious bovine pleuropneumonia , Rift Valley fever, sheep pox, African swine fever, and lumpy skin disease for 3 years prior to export. Vaccination against these diseases is prohibited in the United States.*

*The United States has been free of Theileriosis (Theileria parva, T. annulata) and Babesiosis (Babesia bigemina, B. bovis) for 2 years and Brucella melitensis for 1 year prior to export.*

*The products for export contain animal origin ingredients originating from States that have been free from vesicular stomatitis for the last 2 years prior to export and the United States does not vaccinate bovine animals for this disease.*

*This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert name of company here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.*

*The products for export were derived from animals born and raised in the United States or from animals that were resident in the United States for at least 3 months.*

*The products for export contain animal origin ingredients derived from animals that were presented for examination at slaughterhouses approved by the competent government authority and evaluated favorably for inclusion in the certified materials, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin.*

*Precautions have been taken during production, process, storage, and transportation to prevent contamination of the animal products with communicable animal disease pathogens.*

**Vesicular stomatitis alert: APHIS believes that Korea will accept hides with the reference to vesicular stomatitis freedom deleted from the above certifications. Exporters may delete “The products for export contain animal origin ingredients originating from States that have been free**

*from vesicular stomatitis for the last 2 years prior to export and the United States does not vaccinate bovine animals for this disease.”* However, they should have their importers confirm prior to shipment with Korean authorities that the issued certificate will be acceptable.